GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D.C. 20408

DATE: April 7, 1970

REPLY TO ATTN OF: N

SUBJECT: Correspondence with Mr. Harold Weisberg.

TO: L - Mr. Robert J. Yock

Enclosed is a draft reply to four letters we have received from Mr. Harold Weisberg. In his letter of March 13 Mr. Weisberg specifically asks whether we have the Government copy of the "memorandum of transfer" which was the subject of our memorandum to you dated March 18, 1970.

As you will note, we are going to try to reduce the amount of correspondence with Mr. Weisberg by applying to him a rule that we apply to other researchers - that we do not furnish information from or about records when the time required to do so is excessive. The correspondence with Mr. Weisberg has been going on, with some intermissions, for nearly four years and shows no signs of tapering off. In fact, it may increase. Enclosed is a copy of a transmittal slip and a letter from Mr. Weisberg to the Department of Justice which shows how the Department under the present administration has refused to correspond with him. As the Secret Service also will not correspond with him, the National Archives is left as the chief target for Mr. Weisberg's theory that the Government is "covering up" a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

In the future we would like to restrict correspondence with Mr. Weisberg to (1) furnishing copies of records when we can do so without excessive searching or correspondence, (2) informing Mr. Weisberg of the reasons for withholding any specific records he may request that are withheld, and (3) furnishing copies of any specific records he requests that later become available.

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Enclosure

Concur with these recommendations as being entirely reasonable and legally defensible. R. Yock 7/16/70

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